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Founder of Beakerhead and former host of the Discovery Channel's Daily Planet Jay Ingram poses with Titanaboa — a 40-foot robotic snake. Titanaboa is the first of several engineered creatures that will appear around Calgary in the coming days. For a full story and video, visit metronews.ca. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Police fear gang retaliation after eatery shooting

Details. Investigators confirm postal worker killed in restaurant has no criminal ties

Police have linked the weekend shooting at a Calgary restaurant to a gang feud that wreaked havoc in the city years ago.

Early Sunday, two hooded men entered Basil Ultimate Pho and Fine Vietnamese Cuisine in the city's northeast and started shooting at a group of approximately 50 attending an after-hours birthday party, police said.

Hai Michael Du, a 36-year-old postal worker, was declared dead at the scene, but police staff Sgt. Doug Andrus said Tuesday investigators believe the actual target was a suspected member of either the FOB or FK street gangs.

Crime scene

"For the number of people inside the restaurant, it's amazing that only one person was deceased."

Sgt. Doug Andrus

An ongoing feud between the two groups resulted in 25 deaths between 2002-2009.

That unidentified person remained in critical condition in hospital Tuesday. Two other unidentified partygoers were also struck but are expected to survive.

Acting Insp. Martin Schiavetta deemed the hit "gang-motivated" and said retaliation is common after such incidents.

"We are very concerned that it could happen again," he said.

Police have yet to formally identify the vehicle used by the shooters at Basil, but are asking the public for any information regarding a white Lexus Sedan seen speeding away from the scene in the moments after the shooting.

The last deadly act of violence linked to the FOB-FK feud also took place at a local Vietnamese restaurant. On New Years Day 2009, masked intruders stormed the Bolsa restaurant and killed known FK member Sanjeev Mann, friend Aaron Bendle and bystander Keni Su'a. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

City mulls waterway ban

Recreation during fast flows on the Harvie Passage is proving too dangerous, officials say PAGE 3

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Safety. Politician floats changes to river rules

Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra is questioning what the city can do to prevent more deaths on Calgary's flooded and dangerous rivers.

On Monday, four rafters were overturned in the rapids of Harvie Passage on the Bow River, one man later dying of his injuries. This was after Calgarians were warned by city law enforcement to stay off the Bow and Elbow rivers owing to heightened safety risks.

Carra says the passage has changed the Bow's equilibrium, making the area safer than before, but also attracting more users. This raises the number of people needing rescue and, in turn, boosts overtime costs for the fire department.

"We have to find a way to account for that cost, to dissuade people from putting their lives in danger," Carra said, although what that would entail he couldn't say, since river bans are within federal jurisdiction.

"I think personal responsibility has to go a long way and we have to deal with these jurisdictional issues because once again the municipality is there picking up the pieces for higher levels of government who are distant and don't have the responsibility to keep their citizens safe like we do."

Mayor Naheed Nenshi added that even at the best of times, the Harvie Passage isn't 100 per cent safe, and highly skilled paddlers and rafters also find it difficult to navigate when the river is swollen.

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A kayaker takes on the Bow River near the Harvie Passage last week. Water enthusiasts continue to ignore warnings about dangerous conditions. METRO FILE

Short-term river ban could prevent accidents at high-risk times: City

Trouble. Calgary Fire Department has responded to 36 calls for help in new Harvie Passage area

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City officials are mulling a temporary ban on recreational activity on Calgary waterways, but such a move would require action from the federal government.

The news came one day after five calls for assistance from rafters and kayakers attempting to navigate the new Harvie Passage on Monday, despite warnings last week to stay off city rivers, which are experiencing higher and faster flow levels.

In one instance, a man died after his raft carrying four overturned and he was carried downstream.

Police were out on the weekend at city boat launches warning rafters and kayakers of the risks. But acting Sgt. Ed Perkins conceded that few changed their plans, including the ill-fated group of four. Some of the survivors aboard the raft face undisclosed charges.

Calgary Fire Chief Bruce Burrell said Tuesday that "dialogue" has been initiated with federal officials over a possible waterway ban, but no decision has been made.

"We put our rescuers at risk every time we send them into Harvie Passage," Burrell said.

Transport Canada did not respond to repeated inquiries on Tuesday.

The long-awaited Harvie Passage was unveiled this year as a more user-friendly design to overcome a deadly weir on the Bow River.

But Perkins, who is with the marine unit, warned this year that the passage would likely entice more water enthusiasts to the area despite the fact it's intended only for intermediate and advanced athletes. The passage is also not meant for rafts — the police themselves steer their patrol boat clear, Perkins said.

"It's just, unfortunately, a combination of either overestimating their own abilities or underestimating the Harvie Passage," he said.

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Water pressure

- **Citations.** Calgary police issued 119 summonses over the weekend on city waterways for violations such as failing to wear a personal-flotation device or transporting liquor.

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On the web

Pitting brother against brother

Doug Pitt has had a rough life. The non-famous Pitt has had to compete with his movie star brother, Brad, all his life. But the younger sibling is finally getting the attention he deserves in his first-ever endorsement, which highlights just how amazing (and ordinary) his life is. Go to metronews.ca to read the full story.

Mobile news

Talk about your peaks and valleys. Superstar screenwriter Aaron Sorkin, still basking in the warm glow of his Oscar win for The Social Network, is suddenly the object of scorn and ridicule. Scan the code to watch the video that has everyone talking.

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McCanns still missing. Alleged killer in court

Tuesday marked the second anniversary of the disappearance of Lyle and Marie McCann, allegedly murdered while vacationing from their home in St. Albert.

Their alleged killer, Travis Vader, appeared in an Edson court Tuesday, as well, to face two charges of first-degree murder.

The McCanns left St. Albert July 3, 2010, on their way to B.C., but never reached their destination. Their burned-out motorhome was later discovered in an isolated area near Minnow Lake campground and family reported the couple missing July 10. Six days later their SUV was found in a remote wooded area.

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Couple declared dead

The couple was legally declared dead last summer, but their remains have not been found. The RCMP investigation continues and a reward is offered for the discovery of the couple.

Long weekend. Officers issue 4,500 tickets

Alberta law-enforcement officers were kept busy over the Canada Day long weekend, handing out more than 4,500 tickets for violations ranging from speeding to fishing without a licence.

Alberta resource officers also laid charges for violations within provincial campground and public-recreation areas, including 190 charges for violations relating to the Fisheries Act — such as exceeding fishing quotas and fishing without a licence — and 43 parks-related offences such as noise complaints. METRO

By the numbers

From Friday to Monday, RCMP, traffic sheriffs, conservations officers, fish and wildlife officers and commercial-vehicle enforcement officers issued 4,518 tickets, including:

- 15 impaired driving charges, 60 other alcohol-related violations and 19 24-hour suspensions for alcohol or drug use.
- 2,973 speeding violations.
- 34 distracted-driving violations.
- 51 intersection-related infractions.
- 59 hazardous violations including dangerous driving.
- 188 seatbelt or child-restraint infractions.
- 539 other violations, from having no insurance to driving while suspended.

Calgary Zoo to double its pride

Lions in summer. Adult brothers will move permanently from Washington, D.C.

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Staff at the Calgary Zoo are making preparations for a roaring arrival later this summer.

African lions Baruti and Aslan will move to town permanently from the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., and live alongside two older females already here.

The animals will replace two lions that died over the past 17 months.

Okonko, 16, died in February while undergoing surgery to remove a cancerous spleen, while 15-year-old Abena died of medical complications in February 2011.

Zoo spokesperson Laurie Skene said staff have eyes on expanding their lion pride going forward — meaning both Baruti and Aslan will likely be bred in the future.

"The reality is that the two females we do have are pretty old," Skene added. "As we move forward, we may look at expanding or enhancing our lion space."

The National Zoo has seen seven of its African lions enter adulthood over roughly the last two years, creating a need to send some of the animals away.

While Skene said Calgary Zoo officials have not been given a definitive date for the lions' arrival, a report from its Washington partners suggest the pair could be moved this month.

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"This is all part of our long-term planning. We are excited to have these two arrive here."

Calgary Zoo spokesperson Laurie Skene

Lions Baruti and Aslan are seen in their current enclosure at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. COURTESY NATIONAL ZOO

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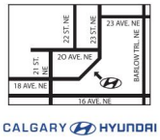

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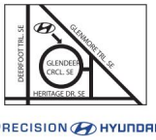

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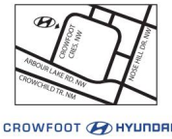

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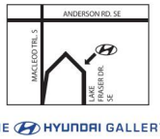

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Meteorologist gives lowdown on Stampede forecast

Warm weather.
The first weekend of Stampede is shaping up to be sunny

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Stampede-goers looking to take in the best of what Mother Nature has to offer should plan on heading to the grounds this weekend, says Citytv meteorologist Andrew Schultz.

Looking ahead to the 10 days of the Calgary Stampede, Schultz said the forecast looks good for the weekend, with a chance of wet weather during the week.

"The first several days look great. The first weekend, that's the best time to Stampede," he said, adding the high for the Sneak-a-Peek and parade day will likely be around 23 C to 24 C.

"Saturday, Sunday and Monday looks outstanding, like I'm talking between 26 C to 30 C."

But Schultz said the weather could take a turn for the worse beginning Tuesday, with rain expected until Friday. "This time in July … with the daytime heat, there's a really good chance of seeing some half-decent thunderstorms," he said.

Schultz said even though the forecast is looking like rain may be on the way for next week, Alberta's weather is well known for its fluctuations.

"Reliability on the forecast is a three-day window, which gives me confidence for Thursday into the beginning of the (first Stampede) weekend."

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Sun is expected for the first part of Stampede, but hot weather can produce the odd thundershower in these parts. METRO FILE

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Raising awareness.
Democrats getting out the vote in Alberta

Diana Keto-Lambert is a Washington, D.C., native now working as a librarian in Alberta, and she wants other Americans abroad to exercise their right to vote — preferably Democrat.

Keto-Lambert, a member of Democrats Abroad, will celebrate the Glorious Fourth with a picnic today in Edmonton.

Democrats Abroad want Americans living outside the country to know that they can vote — and in some cases, even if they've never lived there.

Under U.S. law, citizenship gives you the right to vote, so even if you've never lived in the U.S., but have citizenship thanks to an American parent, you can vote.

Living in Alberta for the last five years, she says the Fourth of July picnic draws bigger crowds in an election year.

And what happens if a Republican crashes the Democrats Abroad party? "We welcome the debate," she said. "We just see them as people who just need a little persuading sometimes."

MAURICE TOUGAS/METRO IN EDMONTON

Eligible to vote

- Democrats Abroad estimates there are six million Americans living outside the country who can vote.
- Their website is democratsabroad.org.

Single-vehicle crash

Crossfield man dies after being ejected from vehicle in crash

A Crossfield man is dead after a single-vehicle crash north of Calgary Monday night.

Police said a 2004 GMC Sierra lost control and flipped at around 10 p.m. Monday on Township Road 285.

Police said the driver, 42, was not wearing his seatbelt and he was ejected from the vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The vehicle's only passenger, a 25-year-old male, was taken to hospital and is in stable condition, according to police.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation. METRO

Housing market

Calgary real estate returning to normal: CREB

Calgary's housing market is returning to normal levels of activity, according to the Calgary Real Estate Board's chief economist Ann-Marie Lurie.

Residential sales recorded by CREB for the first half of 2012 were 16 percent higher than the same period last year — up to 11,752 sales for the first half of 2012.

"Our housing market is returning to normal levels of activity, supported by the improvements in our employment sector and rise in migration," said Lurie.

Lurie said lingering international economic woes shouldn't affect sales or price growth, and also noted that Calgary has seen its price correction.

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Ex-president's home searched in finance probe

France. L'Oréal heiress suspected of providing illegal campaign cash to Sarkozy's party during 2007 election

Former French president Nicolas Sarkozy THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

French investigators searched the home and office of former president Nicolas Sarkozy on Tuesday as part of a probe into suspected illegal financing of his 2007 presidential campaign by the L'Oréal cosmetics heiress, an official said.

Potential legal troubles have threatened Sarkozy since he lost the presidency to Socialist Francois Hollande in May elections. Sarkozy, who lost his immunity from prosecution on June 15, denies wrongdoing.

Judge Jean-Michel Gentil and other investigators from the Paris financial crimes unit conducted the search of Sarkozy's home and office, the official said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to be publicly named discussing an ongoing investigation.

The probe centres on the finances of France's richest woman, L'Oréal cosmetics heiress Liliane Bettencourt.

A long-running family feud over her fortune ballooned in 2010 into a multi-layered investigation and political affair. Allegations emerged that Bettencourt provided illegal campaign cash to Sarkozy's party during the 2007 campaign. Sarkozy vigorously denies the claims.

The allegations struck a chord with Sarkozy's critics, who were frustrated by Sarkozy's handling of the recession-hit economy and saw him as too cozy with the rich.

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Libyan Canadians make their vote count

Asma Eshakshuki, middle, of Ottawa, smiles as she waits alongside fellow Libyan-Canadians to vote during the first day of the Libyan National Congress Elections in Ottawa on Tuesday. Canada is one of just six countries with Libyans living abroad that are making voting available. The others are the United States, Germany, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and the United Kingdom. Libya will vote on July 7. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Syria using torture centres to fight uprising: Group

Syrian security forces are running more than two dozen torture centres where captors punch staples into detainees' skin, tear out their fingernails, beat them with sticks and administer electric shocks to their genitals and other body parts, an international rights group said on Tuesday.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch said the frequency of torture in Syrian detention centres could constitute crimes against humanity and called for international action.

"The systematic patterns of ill treatment and torture that Human Rights Watch documented clearly point to a state policy of torture and ill treatment and therefore constitute a crime against humanity," the group said.

It called on the United Nations Security Council to refer the situation in Syria to the International Criminal Court in the Hague and to impose sanctions on those who practise or oversee torture.

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Two women pulled into Rob Clarke's auto-repair shop in Komoka, Ont., and complained of "meows" coming from the engine.

Clarke popped open the Mercedes Benz's hood and found … a kitten was lodged toward the back of the engine. She is now in a local foster home.

METRO IN LONDON

Spending furor

Bev Oda quits, shuffle on way?

International Co-operation Minister Bev Oda resigned Tuesday, giving Prime Minister Stephen Harper the space he needs for a cabinet shuffle this summer.

Oda's spending habits sparked a furor earlier this year when it was revealed she had rejected one five-star hotel in London, England, for another, more luxurious one at more than double the cost.

She had also hired a luxury car and driver for an average of $1,000 per day.

Her departure will force a byelection in the suburban Toronto riding of Durham within six months.

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Rant on JetBlue flight

Judge decides not to convict pilot

A federal judge in Texas has ruled that a JetBlue pilot who left the cockpit during a flight and screamed about terrorists is not guilty by reason of insanity.

Passengers wrestled Clayton Osbon to the floor after he ran through the plane's cabin during the March 27 flight from Las Vegas to New York.

He will now be examined at a mental-health facility.

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Elliot Lake shock

OPP launch probe into roof collapse

New information has forced provincial police to launch a criminal investigation into a fatal mall-roof collapse in Elliot Lake. Two women were killed.

Premier Dalton McGuinty has also announced a public inquiry.

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In the heat of the moment, blame global warming

But is it the culprit?
Scientists cagey: Too early to say it's behind some wacky weather

Hot enough for ya? Is this what global warming has in store for us?

Look at North America's weather picture recently:

Horrendous wildfires.

Oppressive heat waves.

Devastating droughts.

Flooding from giant deluges.

Weather expert Kevin Trenberth calls it "I told you so" time.

The head of climate analysis at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in fire-charred Colorado says he warned of these record-breaking conditions, but many people wouldn't listen.

Jonathan Overpeck, professor of geosciences and atmospheric sciences at the University of Arizona, goes further.

"This is what global warming looks like at the regional or personal level," he says.

He adds: "This is certainly what I and many other climate scientists have been warning about."

But climate scientists also warn it's far too early to say global warming is the cause of the wacky weather. It takes intensive study, complicated mathematics, computer models and lots of time, they say.

Weather is always variable, they stress. Freaky things happen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Melissa Mgana kisses her five-year-old daughter Sofia amid the ruins of their home in Colorado Springs, Colo. It was destroyed in a wildfire on the weekend. HELEN H. RICHARDSON/DENVER POST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turn on the air conditioning … please

Is the world warming up? Listen to the scientists …

- Since Jan. 1, the U.S. has set more than 40,000 hot-temperature records, but fewer than 6,000 cold ones, says the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Through most of last century, the U.S. used to set hot and cold records evenly, but since 2000 America has set two hot records for every cold one, says climate expert Jerry Meehl of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

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Canadian Steve Dennis arrives by Kenyan military helicopter at Wilson airport in Nairobi, Kenya, on Monday.
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Big feet, fat wallet saved Canadian, parents say

Kenya. Kidnapped aid workers rescued by pro-government Somali militia on Monday

Big feet and a fortuitously placed wallet helped save the day for a Canadian aid worker snatched at gunpoint at a Kenyan refugee camp and marched with three other captors across the border into Somalia, his parents said Tuesday.

Clearly relieved after days of frantic worry, Carol-Ann and Peter Dennis were able to share some of the humour that helped sustain their son Steve Dennis during his ordeal.

"He's tall, so he's got big feet," Carol-Ann said.

"The trackers could track them because they could see the big foot and some little feet in the pattern of walking."

Dennis, 37, of Toronto and fellow Canadian Qurat-Ul-Ain Sadazai, 38, of Gatineau, Que., were among four aid workers snatched at gunpoint from the Dadaab refugee camp near the Somalia border on Friday.

Their Kenyan driver was killed when four gunmen attacked their two-vehicle convoy. Dennis was grazed by a bullet during the chaos.

"In Steve's case, it happened to hit him right in his wallet that he carries in his front (leg) pocket — it bruised him a little bit," his father said.

"He said he was saved by his credit cards."

The group later abandoned the vehicle they had taken and walked across the border.

Also kidnapped and rescued were Astrid Sehl, 33, of Norway, and Glenn Costes, 40, a Filipino. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"He looks like he just stepped off a cruise."

Peter Dennis upon seeing his rescued son, Steve, alive and well on TV

Nigeria

Hippo shot dead after killing men

A hippopotamus that killed two fishermen in Nigeria's northeast has been shot dead, authorities said Tuesday, highlighting how ill-equipped Nigerian wildlife-control officials are to protect both wildlife and the communities that surround them.

Local hunters killed the hippopotamus in the town of Shelleng on the bank of the Benue river last Sunday, said Babangida Jimeta, head of the hunters' association of Adamawa State. He said they were on the lookout for two other hippopotamuses that had turned violent in a sanctuary of about 200 hippopotamuses on Kiri dam.
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Mystery

Hunt is on for Earhart's plane

A $2.2-million US expedition is hoping to finally solve one of America's most enduring mysteries: What exactly happened to famed aviator Amelia Earhart when she went missing over the South Pacific 75 years ago?

A group of scientists, historians and salvagers think they have a good idea, and began trekking from Honolulu to a remote island in the Pacific nation of Kiribati Tuesday in hopes of finding the wreckage of Earhart's Lockheed Electra plane in nearby waters.

Their working theory is that Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan landed on a reef near the Kiribati atoll of Nikumaroro, then survived a short time.
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MOG. Headphone-maker buys online music service

Upscale headphone maker Beats Electronics is buying music-subscription service MOG in an attempt to improve what goes into playback devices as much as what comes out of them.

Beats, founded by rapper Dr. Dre and recording executive Jimmy Iovine, has devoted its brand to high-quality sound. But headphones and speakers are limited in their ability to improve the sound of songs whose data is compressed to squeeze through narrow pipes like those of older cellular-phone networks.

Beats hopes to use MOG to provide an end-to-end music experience that will help it compete against bigger subscription music rivals like Rhapsody and Spotify.

MOG's paying subscribers are estimated to be in the tens of thousands, compared to more than a million for Rhapsody in the U.S. and three million for Spotify worldwide.

"It's too early, I think, based on the scale of any of these services, to declare winners and losers," Beats president Luke Wood said in an interview. "I think the future of the marketplace is going to be defined by the greatest product and the best user experience."

Wood wouldn't limit plans for MOG to a race for higher fidelity. The company is looking at how to improve music discovery, curation, consumption and sharing.

Taiwanese cellphone maker HTC said in August that it was buying a 51 per cent stake in Beats for $300 million US. Wood said MOG would continue to be available on multiple platforms and devices.

Terms of the deal, which closed on Monday, weren't disclosed. The MOG Music Network, a network of blogs about music, was not part of the sale.

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Canadian firms set sights on gold

A truck drives down a Pueblo Viejo mine in the Dominican Republic. Barrick Gold Corp. of Toronto and Goldcorp Inc. of Vancouver are poised to open one of the world's largest gold mining operations in a country where the industry has a toxic legacy of pollution that stained rivers a searing red and failed to lift the fortunes of the largely poor country. MANUEL DIAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Recessions lead women to splurge on beauty: Study

Purchasing power. Psychologist studied consumer behaviour after report on rising cosmetic sales

Spending study

- The professor and four colleagues examined 20 years of U.S. government data on consumer spending and conducted a series of experiments with Texas Christian University students.
- The results were the same for women of both higher and lower economic status.

Although consumer spending generally declines in periods of financial hardship, women may splurge on high-end beauty products to increase their chances of attracting, or keeping, a prosperous romantic partner, according to a series of studies.

The research, conducted at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, found that women who were primed with news of the last economic recession reported an increased interest in purchasing goods they believed could enhance physical attractiveness, including lipstick, perfume and designer jeans. The same subjects reported a decreased desire to purchase consumer goods, such as, furniture, electronics and leisure/hobby products that could not enhance their looks.

And men were not inclined to spend in either category, according to the findings in the study, titled Boosting Beauty in an Economic Decline: Mating, Spending, and the Lipstick Effect.

"Women just want do something that makes them feel good about themselves — and the types of things that make them feel good about themselves ... tend to be things that make us more desirable," said social psychologist Sarah E. Hill, who led the study, which will be published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology next month.

She decided to examine women's mating psychology and consumer behaviour after hearing a news report about robust Mary Kay sales during the 2008 recession. Her intuition was borne out by the research, which concluded women are motivated during economic decline by the shrinking mating pool of financially secure men. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Revamp. Chuck E. Cheese gets makeover

Chuck E. Cheese has been given the pink slip.

The company that operates the chain of children's pizza restaurants is retiring the giant rodent's outdated image — and the man who voiced its character for nearly two decades.

CEC Entertainment Inc. says it plans to launch a national ad campaign Thursday with a revamped image of Chuck E. Cheese as a hip, electric-guitar-playing rock star.

It's just the latest makeover for the 35-year-old mascot, which started life as a New Jersey rat who sometimes carried a cigar.

CEC Entertainment, based in Irving, Texas, is struggling to revive sales at its more than 500 pizza restaurants, which offer games, prizes and a musical variety show.

In May, CEC said revenue at its locations open at least a year fell 4.2 per cent in the first quarter and lowered its outlook for the year.

The new Chuck E. Cheese that launches this week will be voiced by Jaret Reddick, the lead singer for the pop-punk band Bowling for Soup.

The Chuck E. Cheese Facebook page now shows a silhouette of a cartoon mouse playing a guitar. The details of Chuck E.'s new image will be unveiled this week.

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The new-look Chuck E. Cheese, mascot of the chain of kids' restaurants. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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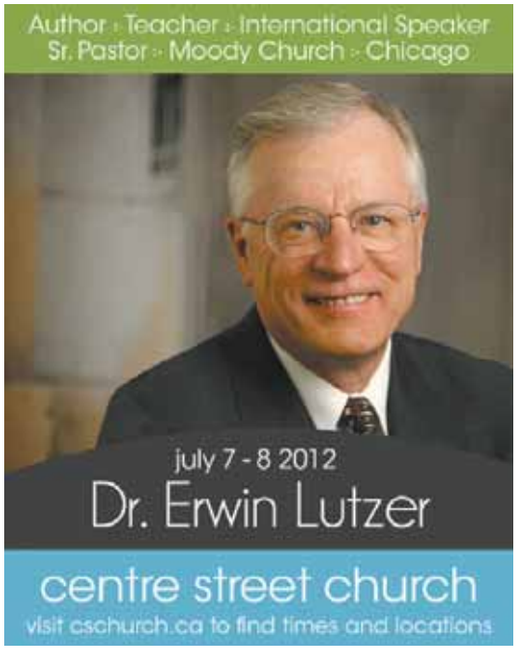
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RIM boss goes on the defensive

'Nothing wrong.'
Heins attempts to cast tech company's current challenges in a positive light

RIM CEO Thorsten Heins
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Research In Motion chief executive Thorsten Heins was on the defensive Tuesday, insisting "there's nothing wrong with the company as it exists right now," and that he's confident the BlackBerry maker will get past its current challenges.

Heins led the march of several executives who fanned out to media outlets in an effort to cast a positive glow on the company, which has been facing an increasing amount of negativity over its seemingly endless problems.

Last week, RIM shocked the market with another delay to its crucial BlackBerry 10 operating system which has been considered by many as a last-ditch effort to save the company. But that was only part of the bad news.

RIM also said it would layoff about 5,000 employees as it slashes costs across the organization to contend with faltering sales of its BlackBerry smartphones and a quickly eroding stock price.

RIM's stock closed 10 cents lower at $7.44 on Tuesday at the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Heins acknowledged the company faces a challenge to regain market share in the United States, but insisted RIM isn't in a "death spiral."

Heins said the major changes RIM has made to its management and business objectives since he became CEO in January are part of a massive transition to a whole new technology platform.

He said sales in other parts of the world remain strong and argued the transition to the BlackBerry 10 will be a completely different way for RIM to address mobile computing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lending. BMO predicts BoC will keep key interest rate low well into 2013

The Bank of Montreal predicted Tuesday that the Bank of Canada will keep its key interest rate low for longer than it expected.

Economists at the bank are now predicting that the central bank will not raise its key rate until July 2013, six months later than their earlier prediction of January 2013.

The rate affects the prime lending rates at banks and in turn influences all kinds of interest rates including those charged to variable rate mortgages and lines of credit.

But BMO mortgage expert Laura Parsons urged prospective home buyers to choose fixed-rate mortgages, which are also near record lows.

"While interest rates have been at historic lows, the inevitable climb will happen," said Parsons. "Choosing a fixed mortgage can provide protection against rising rates."

Ottawa moved last month to tighten mortgage rules for the fourth time in as many years in an effort to cool the housing market. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Markets scandal

Barclays CEO, COO resign

Barclays chief executive Bob Diamond quit his job Tuesday in a financial markets scandal that has also seen the chairman announce his intention to resign.

Jerry del Missier, appointed only last month as chief operating officer at the bank, resigned hours after Diamond left. Both resignations take effect immediately. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online video

Netflix viewers surpass 1B hours

Netflix announced Tuesday that its subscribers watched more than a billion hours of online video last month as the advent of high-speed Internet connections and mobile devices change people's viewing patterns.

The rising usage also indicates that Netflix's recent efforts to expand its video library are paying off. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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I'm always looking for a new experience, so I've decided to sign up for a triathlon: swim, cycle, run; one immediately after another.

A lot of people are fierce and brave, and they like to tackle the Ironman triathlon, which consists of a 3.96-kilometre swim, a 180.25-km bike ride and a 42.2-km marathon, without any rest or dying in between.

I am not an iron man. More like a straw man, so I thought I'd start with a "sprint triathlon," which sounds very zippy, doesn't it? A sprint is to the Ironman what a Yaris is to an F-350 pickup: 700-m swim, 20-km bike ride, 5-km run. There's less chance of sinking like a stone at about 2.57 km into the swim or falling off your bike into a ditch at 127 km, or wandering into traffic, dehydrated and disoriented, around 37 km into the marathon.

Still, this "sprint," which occurs on July 22 (why are my palms sweating already?) has its challenges, not the least being I've never done all three of these things in a row on the same day, and rarely in the same month.

The main challenge, as far as I can tell, is getting through the transition, which means getting from the pool and onto the bike, then off the bike and into running shoes, all while the clock is ticking. The "three Ts" are key to transition: towels, talcum powder and tugging, not necessarily in that order. It's also important not to get confused and cycle in your swim goggles or run in your bike helmet, all of which apparently happen. How would I know? I've never even watched a triathlon.

Which might lead you to ask why I'm doing this. Well, it was either this or one of those river cruises along the Seine. Both of them involve going someplace exotic; either Paris or the pool at UBC. But the river cruise costs $7,000; registering for the triathlon? $68.

No contest.

Two weeks after the Point Grey Sprint Triathlon, on Aug. 7, is a similar event called the London Olympic Triathlon. While I'm just starting out, the great Canadian gold medallist (2000 Sydney Games) Simon Whitfield is in the twilight of his career and will be competing in one last Olympics before he retires, a geezer at 37.

Even though I can spot Simon a couple of years, once again, there are some similarities. Expectations are the key. On Aug. 7, the whole nation will be holding its breath, hoping that Simon is able to win gold one last time. On July 22, my wife will be holding her breath, hoping that I at least make it out of the pool.

OK. So what did you want for $68?

He's no Paul Sullivan, but Simon Whitfield, right, will still compete at the Olympics one last time. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Festival will make you wanna jump

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A Brit hit

London launches largest string of summer events

Elizabeth Streb's dancers perform in front of Tower Bridge at the launch of the Mayor of London Presents cultural events program on Tuesday in London, England.

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, launched an unprecedented program of free cultural events. From daredevil dancers choreographed by Elizabeth Streb to unusual car-park art exhibitions including the work of artists such as Jeff Koons, David Hockney and Andy Warhol for BMW ART DRIVE presented by the ICA.

This will be the biggest-ever outdoor cultural festival the capital has seen, brought to you by the Mayor of London and London 2012 Festival.

To help visitors navigate through all of the excitement, the mayor also launched a free smartphone app Tuesday, which provides users with information on the festival as well as the city's events, attractions and recommendations on the best restaurants. The app uses Google Maps technology for easy touring.

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What to do, what to do?

- **Nothing is Set in Stone** by award-winning composer and artist Mira Calix, incorporates an interactive sound system that allows visitors to experience the work through both touch and sound in the peaceful Fairlop Waters.
- **Fish Out of Water.** The English National Ballet and seven sisters group use dance, costume and camcorders to create an innovative performance at two iconic London venues.

From the mayor's office

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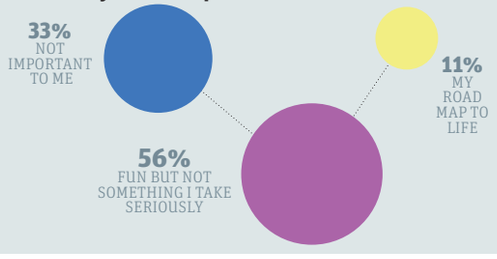

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Why make a new film when you can recycle an old one?

Play it again, Sam. Hollywood has long been a fan of movie reboots. Spider-Man is the latest flick to get a an actor makeover

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The adage, "The only constant is change," is only partially true in Hollywood. The list of recent movie reboots is as long as Lindsay Lohan's arrest record, and there's more on the way — we'll soon see new versions of Death Wish, Fletch and Highlander — but while the titles stay the same, the faces change.

This weekend, Peter Parker swings back into theatres, but instead of Tobey Maguire behind the familiar red-and-black-webbed mask it's Social Network star Andrew Garfield.

Not everyone is happy about the change. 1234zoomer commented on the new movie: "IS NOT GOING TO BE THE SAMEÒÒ WITHOUT TOBBY!!!," (her uppercase and spelling, not mine), but Maguire has been gracious, saying, "I am excited to see the next chapter unfold in this incredible story."

Whether the new Spidey acknowledges Maguire is yet to be seen, but at least one replacement had the manners to recognize their precursor on screen.

George Lazenby paid a tongue-in-cheek tribute to Sean Connery in On Her Majesty's Secret Service. After a wild battle to rescue Contessa Teresa (played by Diana Rigg) the new James Bond didn't get the girl. "This never happened to the other fellow," he says, looking dejectedly into the camera.

Former Bond Connery went on to co-star in The Hunt for Red October with Alec Baldwin playing Jack Ryan, a character later played by Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck.

It's rumoured that Chris Pine (who took over the part of Captain Kirk in Star Trek from William Shatner) will soon reprise the role.

The Batman franchise has also had a revolving cast. Since 1943 seven actors have played the Caped Crusader, including Lewis G. Wilson, who at 23 remains the youngest actor to play the character, and George Clooney who admits he was "really bad" in Batman & Robin.

It's not only the Caped Crusader who changes from time to time. Harvey Dent, the handsome district attorney who turns into villain Two Face has been played by Billy Dee Williams, Tommy Lee Jones and Aaron Eckhart and The Dark Knight's Maggie Gyllenhaal took over the role of Rachel Dawes from Batman Begins star Katie Holmes.

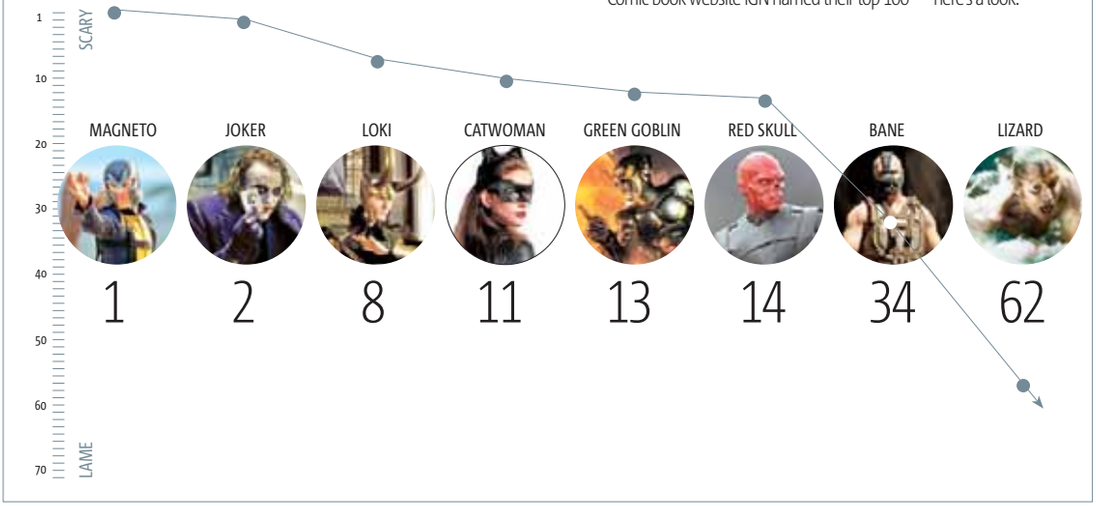
Finally, Jodie Foster's take on FBI agent Clarice Starling in Silence of the Lambs was ranked the sixth greatest protagonist in film history on AFI's 100 Years... 100 Heroes and Villains list, but when she declined to reprise the role in Hannibal, Julianne Moore stepped in.

A bit of a trend

"The adage, 'The only constant is change,' is only partially true in Hollywood. The list of recent movie reboots is as long as Lindsay Lohan's arrest record, and there's more on the way..."

HOW EVIL IS THE LIZARD?

The bad guy in The Amazing Spider-Man is a scientist turned, well, lizard (played by Rhys Ifans). How does he compare to other comic book villains? Comic book website IGN named their top 100 — here's a look.



GRACIOUS GUY
Tobey Maguire has wished the new Spider-Man luck and said, "I am excited to see the next chapter unfold in this incredible story."

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Marketing deal

Pitbull to Alaska: I know you want me

Miami rapper Pitbull might soon be chilling out in Alaska. In a marketing deal, Walmart will send Pitbull, a.k.a Armando Christian Perez, to the store that gets the most "likes" on its Facebook page. Right now, the leading candidate is Kodiak, Alaska. And there may be a reason. A writer for The Boston Phoenix newspaper thought it'd be funny to send Pitbull to the most remote Walmart possible, and is encouraging people to "like" the Walmart in Kodiak. The Kodiak Walmart had more than 35,000 "likes" Monday, more than five times the town's population.
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Sleigh Bells' Reign of Terror continues

New music. Album plays homage to classic rock bands like Def Leppard and pop acts like Cyndi Lauper and the Go Go's

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Singer Alexis Krauss of Sleigh Bells has been a staple on the Coachella scene. CHARLEY GALLAY/GETTY IMAGES

Sleigh Bells seemed to emerge fully formed, with a brutally unique sound of overblown guitars and vocals that alternated between pop-singer sweetness and cheerleader vengeance.

The Brooklyn duo's 2009 debut, Treats, landed on nearly every single year-end best-of list, including this publication's.

For their follow-up, Reign of Terror, released this spring, guitarist Derek Miller and singer Alexis Krauss decided to do away with some of the tricks of Treats in favour of more conventional sounds. But they put these sounds into a context that is anything but conventional.

"In a lot of ways, Reign of Terror is an homage to classic rock and a lot of arena rock songs that are pretty formulaic and pretty universal in terms of structure and what they make you feel," says Krauss. "We were very shameless in referencing bands like Def Leppard or pop acts like Cyndi Lauper or the Go Go's."

Where Krauss was filling in pre-written vocal parts for the debut, the pair collaborated more for Reign of Terror, and the result is something more melodic. There are even a few ballads on the album. Krauss says she knows that the combination of '80s metal and their own pop and punk instincts have definitely turned off a few listeners. But she has no regrets.

"We always say that we don't really have any guilty pleasures," she says. "If we listen to something and we like it, we're not embarrassed about referencing it. We're both real lovers of pop music, so I think being able to write a really simple but catchy hook is one of the hardest things to do as a songwriter. And we kind of like thinking that way: 'How can we write a song as good as Pour Some Sugar on Me?'"

Changing sound

When Sleigh Bells' first single, Crown on the Ground, made its initial rounds on the web, listeners thought there was something wrong with their speakers or earbuds, because Derek Miller's guitar was so maxed out. Krauss said their decision not to employ this technique on Reign of Terror was a natural one.

- **Quote.** "I think Reign of Terror is much more melodic than Treats was, more of a melancholy tone," she says. "At times the music is even more somber, and it just didn't seem appropriate to have songs where everything was pushed completely into the red. "There's a lot more dynamic range on the (new) record. A lot of the way Treats was produced was a result of necessity in the sense that a lot of it was recorded using cheaper gear. ... It was much more DIY, and a lot of times we would just turn up."

Quoted

"In a lot of ways, Reign of Terror is an homage to classic rock and a lot of arena rock songs that are pretty formulaic and pretty universal."

Alexis Krauss
Talking about their new album Reign of Terror.

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Katie Holmes ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Holmes cut out of Tom Cruise's fortune

Kate Holmes filed for sole custody of daughter Suri. But one thing she won't be walking away with is tons of money, if you believe TMZ.

The site claims the stars' prenuptial agreement "cuts her out of his fortune" and a source says that's A-OK with Holmes.

"She's not about the money. She's not that girl. She loves to work," says the source. "Money is not that important to her. She makes plenty on her own."

Quoted

"She's not about the money. She's not that girl"

Source
On Katie Holmes

Speaking of which, she's still working. Yesterday, she filmed an episode of the TV series Project Runway, according to People.com—without her wedding ring on.

The Word

Jennifer Hudson sings new Lullaby

RAISHAD HARDNETT
Metro World News

When many people think of Jennifer Hudson's singing style, they think of a thunderous, room-shaking tone. But now, with her new Pampers-inspired adaptation of the classic Lullaby and Goodnight, the multi-talented performer shows a gentler, sweeter side. We caught up with Hudson last week to discuss her new lullaby recording and how she balances being a mom and a superstar.

How did you incorporate your experiences as a mom into this lullaby?
(By) imagining putting my baby to sleep: What do you want to say to your child? What do you want them to hear before they fall asleep to soothe them, to calm them down? That's why I did it. Anytime he calls me, I say, 'That's my baby.' I always tell him, 'I love your hugs, I love your kisses.' So, I really took it from being a mom, and the real experience of that.

Is it difficult balancing motherhood with your work life?
It can be. That's why I love being from Chicago and living in Chicago. After we had our son, we decided we wanted to go back home, because to me that's what keeps you grounded. That's what keeps the foundation. And then you have family there, which is what keeps something normal, at least for him. I wanted him to have as much of a normal childhood as possible, and I felt like that was the best way to do that — by going back home. And although he is always in my world and watching mommy work, and seeing daddy wrestling — that's different, that will always make him grow up different — if he still has that base, that foundation that we had growing up, then that, to us, is what's important.

What advice do you have for new parents?
I remember when I first had my baby, I wanted all the guests to go home, but I was so terrified of being home alone with him. It's natural to be terrified, but it falls into place. You just fall into it.

Mel Gibson

Gibson at odds with family member

Mel Gibson, stepmother hater? The volatile star has been accused of terrorizing Teddy Joey Hicks Gibson, who married Mel's dad Hutton in 2001. She and Mel apparently disagree on how to treat their ailing father, who has health issues, according to thehollywoodgossip.com.

"Mel began yelling and saying, 'f— this, f— that' while levelling other extremely offensive language at me," said Teddy. Mel added: "not to f— with (Hutton's) treatments."

Twitter

@amber_benson
Am annoyed that I will forever see myself backwards in every mirror that I look into.

@katyperry
I'm jet lagged but no I won't quote my own song.#jesustakethewheeltoday !

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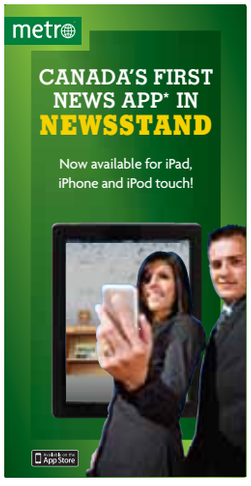

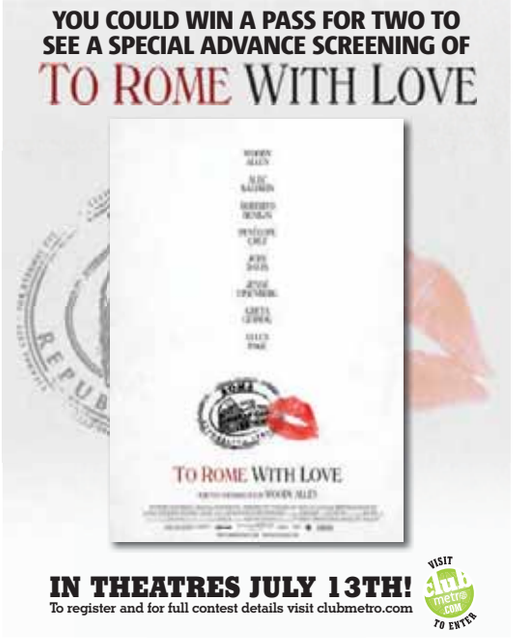
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Travel in brief

Most Canucks plan to hit the road in summer

An online survey of more than 1,500 people across Canada finds 55 per cent plan to take a vacation this summer. The Leger Marketing poll, conducted last week and released Friday, found the average spending target for those who do plan to vacation in July or August was about $1,700. Respondents from Alberta had the highest vacation budget, averaging nearly $2,300 while Quebec residents had the lowest spending target, at just over $1,300. Canada was the preferred destination for 74 per cent of those planning a vacation.

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On the web

Midweek July Fourth means confusion for travellers, businesses; Americans seen spending less

Evil glares at the airport security line, jam-packed yesterdays that lead to too-tired-to-take-another-step todays, and kids offering TMI to the customs officials. It's no wonder parents get the shakes at the thought of a family vacation. Trust me, I know. My husband and I just spent more than 365 days with our two sons under the age of 10 on an around-the-world trip. Sure, there were moments when my sanity was questionable, but by the time we got home we were all a little wiser about how to make sure we made it through. My hard-learned lessons are your gain. These five tips will help replace your family's whines of "are we there yet?" with, "is it over already?"

TEXT AND PHOTOS BY HEATHER GREENWOOD DAVIS
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5 ways to keep the fun in your family vacation

1 Don't let stressful moments steal your memories

Where we learned it: Beijing, China.
The mission was to meet our phenomenal guide at the Forbidden City. We should've been there by nine. At 10, we were still standing in pouring rain trying desperately to hail a cab. When we finally found one and agreed on the exorbitantly high overcharge, we had the ride of our life. Thrilled with his windfall the driver regaled us with broken English stories that we still giggle at today. We eventually saw and were amazed by the Forbidden City but nothing compared to the taxi ride over.

2 Pack less stuff

Where we learned it: The Mekong Delta in Vietnam.
Nothing will make you glad you didn't pack six pairs of shoes and three party dresses for a weekend away as a $6 deal on a lug-your-own-suitcase boat trip. There isn't a place in the world that doesn't have a laundry washing system or a place you can buy something in an emergency.

3 Ditch the routines you can; adjust the ones you can't

Where we learned it: Cairo, Egypt.
At home the kids go to bed at 8, breakfast is at 7 and new friends are rare. On this trip? Bedtime was when they fell asleep, breakfast could include ice cream and every day there was the possibility of adding a new friend. We told the kids it was an adventure and they thrived. So much so that when, in Cairo, we found ourselves playing table tennis on a street corner at midnight and no one blinked an eye. It turns out kids aren't as desperate for routine as we think and sometimes the thrill of a broken routine is needed.

4 The family that stays together loses their collective minds

Where we learned it: France.
We went to the Eiffel Tower twice but the kids were still itching to climb it; I was not. So we made a deal and while my husband took them to the top, I roamed the Champs Elysees. The result was a happier mom at the end of the day and a dad who knew I owed him one. (He cashed in with a boys night later on no questions asked.) While recharging your mojo remember to keep the self-imposed guilt to a minimum. There's nothing in the family vacation rulebook that says you aren't entitled to a vacation too.

5 Bring your phone

Where we learned it: Philadelphia, Penn.
We're so connected at home that a summer vacation can seem like the perfect time to disconnect. Do it if you must but remember that it's not the phone that's the problem, it's what you do with it and how often. Our trip was changed for the better because we had access to Twitter, Facebook and YouTube along the way.

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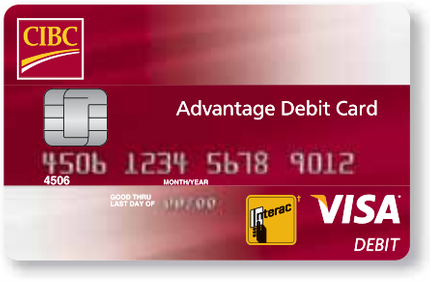

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Coney Island's Cyclone marks 85 years of thrills and chills

Roller coaster.
It takes a team of maintenance workers to keep this New York City icon in operation

The Cyclone's birthday was marked Saturday with 25 cent rides. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The ride begins with two train cars, filled with as many as 24 passengers, cautiously trekking up a hill of wooden tracks. The rattle of the ascent slowly grows louder. As the cars reach the coaster's 85-foot peak, there's a short pause — followed by a swift 95 kph plunge to the bottom that has made stomachs churn and eyes water since Calvin Coolidge was in the White House.

Such a timeworn ride requires a great deal of attention to ensure the safety of its passengers, say workers responsible for the Cyclone, the 85-year-old New York City landmark and international amusement icon that was feted Saturday with a birthday party including 25-cent rides — the same price they were on its debut on June 26, 1927.

"It takes a lot of work to run a very old roller coaster," said Valerio Ferrari, president of Central Amusement International, which operates the coaster.

Each morning beginning at 7 a.m., maintenance workers hike the coaster's tracks along the walk boards in search of damaged wood and loose bolts. The cars, which are originals from 1927, are dismantled every winter before they undergo nondestructive testing and are reassembled.

The Cyclone may not be the oldest or tallest coaster in the nation. But it became a worldwide symbol of America's emerging leisure class in the early 20th century.

Towering above Coney Island's boisterous boardwalk at the corner of Surf Avenue and West 10th Street in Brooklyn, the Cyclone went up after brothers Jack and Irving Rosenthal invested $175,000 to build a dynamic new coaster that would satisfy the demand for more attractions in the area.

The result was a ride that included 2,640 feet of track, 12 drops and 27 elevation changes. For a minute and 50 seconds, passengers aboard the Cyclone were jerked from one edge of their seat to the other, as the coaster would slow around the bends before heaving its riders down steep dips.

This was all done by design, said Jennifer Tortorici, the Cyclone's operations manager.

"It's 2,640 feet of track, so if it wasn't slow in certain areas, the cars would wind up on the beach somewhere," she said.

Safety issues have at times dogged the Cyclone. A worker died on the ride in 1985, Tortorici said, and in 2008, the family of a California man who died after fracturing his neck on the ride sued the city for failing to keep the coaster safe. A Law Department spokeswoman said the city has been indemnified and the case is pending.

The city's Buildings Department conducts safety inspections up to three times a season, according to spokeswoman Ryan FitzGibbon.

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If you go...

- **Cyclone.** The wooden roller coaster is located at Surf Avenue and West 10th Street in Coney Island, Brooklyn. Take the F or Q train to the West 8th Street-New York Aquarium stop. Rides, $8. Parking in the New York Aquarium lot, $13. Also, remember to secure your personal items. The turbulence is sometimes so forceful that passengers have seen personal belongings fly out of their pockets. Lost items range from the typical — keys, wallets and cellphones — to the more obscure, like dentures, wigs and underwear.

The Cyclone makes a 95 km/hr plunge. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rome becomes romantic again with ode to the Eternal City

To Rome with Love. Woody Allen's latest film celebrates the beauty of Rome and leaves behind Italy's real-world problems

Woody Allen's newest movie To Rome with Love casts big names like Penelope Cruz, Alec Baldwin, Judy Davis and Allen himself. But there is one exceptional star: the Eternal City.

"This city is really special," says Hayley (Alison Pill) to her fiance Michelangelo (Flavio Parenti), as they stand on a terrace overlooking the Spanish Steps, one of Rome's famous attractions. "I could stand here all night, it's too beautiful."

Woody Allen's Rome is beautiful, clean and sunny, a city shining in pristine beauty with no hint of real-world problems like Italy's financial crisis. But while the movie offers an anachronistic and nostalgic postcard portrayal of Rome, Allen also goes beyond the city's best-known locations to capture the unconventional atmosphere of neighbourhoods less familiar to tourists like Sant'Angelo, Garbatella and Rione Monti.

The movie, released in Italy on April 20 and in the U.S. on June 22, opens with the imposing Victor Emmanuel II monument in Piazza Venezia. Because of its shape, the monument, inaugurated in 1911, has been given pejorative nicknames like "wedding cake" or "Mussolini's typewriter." The colossal construction has often been dismissed by locals as an unsuccessful attempt to restore classical Rome, but Allen uses it to set the stage, stationing a policeman there to introduce the city as a still and eternal witness to four stories of intrigue, love, sex and adultery.

The square is where Hayley, a young American tourist, and Michelangelo, an Italian lawyer, accidentally meet. She is looking for the Trevi fountain and he offers to bring her there. They spend the day together wandering through the city's beauty and predictably fall in love.

The central characters of the second story, Antonio (Alessandro Tiberi) and Milly (Alessandra Mastronardi), are a young married couple who just moved to Rome from a small town in the south of Italy. Milly gets lost in Rome's chaotic streets as she searches for a hairdresser to give her a less provincial look before meeting her husband's new co-workers. Her terrible sense of direction gives Allen the opportunity to show a wide area of Rome, starting with Milly's wanderings through the Piazza del Popolo, one of the city's most scenic entrances, featuring an obelisk brought by emperor Augustus after his conquest of Egypt, twin baroque churches and a marble fountain with Neptune and his Tritons.

From there, Milly walks through the Campo dei Fiori neighbourhood, asks for information at the Area Sacra (sacred area) of the Argentine, where Julius Caesar was said to have been murdered, and finally finds herself in Piazza Mattei, a small square in the heart of Sant'Angelo. According to a popular legend, the turtle fountain in the square was built in one night by Duke Mattei to conquer the heart of a young lady who lived in the palace in front of the square.

The movie shifts to the narrow and picturesque streets of Trastevere. A neighbourhood of artisans' homes and workshops since Roman times, Trastevere has in more recent decades become a fashionable district filled with restaurants, espresso bars and clubs.

Allen then switches from magnificent imperial buildings, the nostalgia-inspiring ruins seen from the Palatine, to the modernity of the Music Auditorium built by Renzo Piano in 1995, and the English gardens and neoclassical temple of Villa Borghese. He completes his vision of the city by showing the more local and unconventional locations of La Garbatella and Rione Monti.

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Areas featured in To Rome with Love, like the Garbatella district, may be less familiar to tourists.

Reaction

Rome not in 'love' with film

Despite Woody Allen's efforts to write a love letter to Rome, the movie was poorly received in Italy.

The local press has dismissed it as embarrassing, superficial, and not funny, and the Italian public also has given it a thumbs down, although it did well on its opening weekend at the box office as curious filmgoers checked it out.

Despite the critics, The Hollywood Reporter said it took in 2.8 million euros or $3.7 million opening weekend in Italy, making it the top-grossing film in the country.

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People crowd the main square of Rione Monti district in Rome.

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Grilled Chicken and Creamy Curry Sauce turns up the heat

This recipe bathes boneless, skinless chicken thighs in a delicious curry marinade. The thighs then get tossed on the grill.

Meanwhile, a bit of the marinade (which was reserved before the chicken was added) is blended with low-fat sour cream for a rich condiment to be dolloped on the chicken after it comes off the grill. The result is a moist and richly flavoured chicken curry that is as comfortable solo on a paper plate at a barbecue as it is on a plate of rice indoors.

Ingredients

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 small onion, quartered
- 1/2 head garlic, cloves peeled
- 1-inch chunk fresh ginger
- 1-inch chunk fresh turmeric
- 2 sprigs fresh curry leaves
- 2-inch cinnamon stick
- 1/2 tsp cumin seeds
- 1/2 tsp black peppercorns
- 1/4 tsp ground coriander
- 1 tsp salt
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 1/2 lbs boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 cup low-fat sour cream

1. In a blender, combine the chicken broth, onion, garlic, ginger, turmeric, curry leaves, cinnamon stick, cumin seeds, peppercorns, coriander, salt, lemon juice and honey. Puree until very smooth. Transfer a third of the mixture to a small saucepan and set aside.

2. Pour the remaining mixture in a large zip-close plastic bag. Add the chicken thighs, then seal the bag and gently massage to ensure all of the meat is coated by the marinade. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes, or up to overnight.

3. Meanwhile, set the saucepan of reserved marinade over medium heat. Bring to a simmer and cook until reduced and quite thick, about 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Grilled Chicken with Creamy Curry Sauce

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4. When ready to cook, heat the grill to medium-high. Coat the grates with oil using an oil-soaked paper towel grasped with tongs.

5. Remove the chicken from the marinade. Discard the marinade. Place the chicken on the grill and cook for 6 to 7 minutes per side, or until the meat reaches 165 F.

6. While the chicken cooks, in a small bowl combine the reserved marinade and the sour cream. To serve, drizzle the sour cream mixture over the chicken.

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Drink of the Week

Strawberry Sangria

- 1 bottle (750 ml) dry white wine (Chardonnay, Pinot Grigio)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) orange liqueur
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 750 ml (3 cups) quartered local strawberries
- 250 ml (1 cup) white cranberry juice
- 250 ml (1 cup) chilled lemon-flavoured sparkling water
- Mint sprigs, for garnish

In a large glass pitcher, combine wine, orange liqueur and sugar; stir until sugar is dissolved. Add strawberries and juice. Refrigerate until chilled. Just before serving, stir in sparkling water. Fill each glass with ice cubes; pour sangria over top. Garnish with mint sprigs. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOODLAND ONTARIO

Spicy Rib Dinner. Saucy flavour burst

1. Combine soy sauce, citrus juice, zest, ginger and garlic in a blender and process to a smooth paste. Spread paste over both sides of ribs and marinate in a refrigerator, 7 hours.

2. Combine dry spices in a blender and grind to powder.

3. Remove ribs from marinade and blot dry with paper towels.

4. Preheat oven to 200 F/ 93 C. Rub spice mix on both sides of ribs. Place the ribs in a pan with the orange juice and braise for 6 - 8 hours.

5. Preheat grill to medium/ high heat. Place ribs on grill and glaze with the roasted tomato ginger barbecue sauce.

6. Barbecue Sauce: Preheat oven to 350 F/149 C. Arrange tomatoes on a baking sheet and sprinkle with brown sugar. Roast tomatoes 1.5 hours. Put all ingredients in blender; process until smooth.

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Ingredients

- 2 racks of baby back ribs
- 2/3 cups (158 ml) soy sauce
- Juice and grated zest of one orange, lemon and lime
- 1 tbsp (15 g) ginger, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 g) sweet paprika
- 2 tsp (10 g) each of Szechuan peppercorns, coriander seeds, cumin seeds & mustard seeds
- ½ tsp (3 g) cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp (10 g) brown sugar
- 2 tsp (10 g) salt

Barbecue Sauce

- 2 oz (336 g) ripe tomatoes
- 1 tbsp (15 g) ginger, minced
- Dash of lemon zest
- 1 hot chili, seeded
- 2 green onions, finely chopped
- 1 clove of minced garlic
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) soy sauce
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) sweet sauce
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) honey
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) rice vinegar
- 2 tsp (10 ml) lemon juice
- ½ cup (125 g) brown sugar
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Being a post-secondary student certainly has demanded (and still does) a lot of my time, energy, and concentration. However, starting my own business while still in school has definitely been worth the extra time, energy and concentration that I have invested into starting my own company, BG Mountain Studio, in September 2010, and co-founding Sunny Bay Arts with my mom in January 2011.

I feel that by starting my own business, I will have a well-established business and a guaranteed job to work at after I finish my degree. Starting my own business has taught me many things along the way, which are all skills that I can use in any job that I may have in the future.

Where I am now
I am currently a full-time student in my last year of a Bachelor of Fine Arts program majoring in painting and drawing. In addition to being a full-time student, I work part-time for both Sunny Bay Arts, which I co-own, and for BG Mountain Studio, which I own.

My recommendations for employers
Career centres and schools should offer two or three-hour seminars every few months which would show students the steps to take to start and set up their own business. Inviting small business owners to present these seminars would be a great way for students to ask questions directly and learn from someone who has set up their own business.

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For most people, networking is pretty much a necessary evil. For Piotr Makuch, it's a little closer to crazy.

"The idea that people should go and network is insane," says the fourth-year Ryerson University student.

It's a radical thought for someone in his position, but not for the reasons you might think. As an online marketer and vice-president of external communication for Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Piotr regularly interacts with people, both in person and online.

Unlike most, though, he considers every moment and meeting — chance or planned — an opportunity to make a meaningful connection. He suggests looking at networking not as a work-related requirement, but as a way of life.

"We're actually always networking without knowing it," the sociology major explains. "We only call it 'networking' when someone with a job shows up; the rest of the time, it's just a conversation. But that shouldn't be the case, because every moment is a networking opportunity."

Here, Piotr shares his advice for job seekers looking to navigate the often-murky waters of the networking world, including his three-step method to getting the most out of every interaction, whether personal or professional.

Step 1: Plan
Goals are important. Even if you aren't sure of what you want, it's important to have a sense of direction to keep you focused. Planning will make any conversation easier because you'll have a sense of where you want the conversation to eventually end up.

Ready-to-go versions

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Never underestimate the fundamentals. Networking is about connection and you can't do that until you're able to answer the question of who you are and what you're about in a direct and concise manner. Master and own your elevator pitch. If you don't know what you want, no one else will either.

Step 2: Interact
Networking is like dating. You want to get to know the other person in a short amount of time, so make sure to pose plenty of the right questions. Your needs will define the questions that you ask, and the conversation will be shaped by what you choose to talk about. Make sure to take away at least one unique point from every person you meet so you can start the conversation again outside the immediate context.

During the conversation you should be reflecting everything back at the person to get to know them better. That way, you're never talking about one thing for too long, and the conversation will just flow naturally. Maintain a light — but focused — conversation.

Step 3: Follow up
Think of the follow-up as a continuation of that first encounter — your approach will be defined by how the original conversation went. Use the key points you took earlier to remind your contact of who you are and what you both talked about, and keep the message consistent with your goals. As a rule of thumb, make sure to send your note within 24 hours. Keep your online life in line

More conversations are happening online, professionally through LinkedIn and more casually through Twitter and Facebook. Make sure your online presence is in order and ready for those opportunities when they arrive.

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Can I order a job with that salad?

Lunch lesson. Any business meal can turn into an opportunity

ISHANI NATH
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It's the other type of brunch and it's not nearly as relaxing. Business lunches are a major part of corporate culture.

The biggest mistake that young hires make at business lunches is assuming that being out of the office means they are no longer in a professional setting, says Linda Allan, a professional etiquette expert and president of Linda Allan Inc. "It doesn't matter how formal or informal the setting, the same standard of etiquette applies."

What standard is that you ask? Well, let's start at the beginning.

Pre-lunch Dress appropriately. If you're going straight from work, this shouldn't be a problem, but if you're meeting someone, make sure you leave the plaid shirt and short shorts behind. Business lunch means business wear.

Show up early Punctuality and professionalism go hand in hand and the best way to avoid being late is to show up a bit early. Allan recommends arriving around 10 minutes before your meeting. If you get to the restaurant before your host, wait in the lobby area. Don't get seated until your lunch partner has arrived.

What's on the menu?
When it comes to ordering, play follow the leader. If your host orders a salad, don't order the filet mignon. Try to match the price point and number of courses as your dining buddy.

The same rules apply for drinks. If your host orders alcohol, Allan says students can order a "big kid" drink as well, but at a lunch, it's by no means necessary. If you decide to sip on the good stuff, limit yourself to one order and drink it slowly.

Formal goodbye The host will signal the end of the lunch, so again, just follow the leader. When the time comes, make sure to get up, shake their hands and thank them for their time. Much like a good dessert, you want to make sure that you end the meal sweetly.

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Find your freedom: How to shake off the workplace shackles

Feeling a little tense? Check with your boss about the option of telecommuting

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

Get flexible

"Flexibility is freedom," declares Allison O'Kelly, founder/CEO of Mom Corps. She suggests learning your company's specific options for flexible schedules before approaching your boss.

"Check with your human resources department before speaking with your manager, to see if there is a flexible work plan in place.

"Before diving in headlong, educate yourself on the mutual benefits of flexible work options and be prepared to do the same for your manager."

Give the best performance

- It's no surprise that top performers are given the most leeway. "If you are exceeding the current standards for your job and contributing to your boss' goals, then you can often ask for and receive more autonomy, because you have built a reserve of trust from your manager," explains retired clinical professor John Millikin.

"The more your manager sees that he or she does not need to manage you closely, the more freedom will be allowed."

Telecommute

Heather R. Huhman, founder and president of Come Recommended, is a firm believer in telecommuting. "Many employees are beginning to telecommute to improve their work-life balance," says Huhman. "Many jobs require work that can be completed from home, so talk to your boss about testing out telecommuting for a day or two. If you check in regularly via Skype, e-mail or phone and complete all tasks on time, both the employer and the employee will benefit from the increased freedom telecommuting provides." Bonus: You can wear your PJs all day.

Give it a try

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A summer's day at your desk

It's July and eerily quiet in the office.

Your cubicle neighbour took off to the cottage and is sure to return relaxed and a full shade darker.

You stare wistfully out the window and wish you could be out enjoying the sun and the breeze.

To keep motivated when you're cooped up indoors, consider these helpful tips.
NEWS CANADA

1 Ask for flexible hours

See if your employer will allow you to come in to work earlier so you can leave earlier and enjoy the summer weather. Or ask to work longer hours during the week so you can have Friday afternoons off.

2 Get out there

Pick a parking spot further away from the front doors so you'll spend more time walking outside. At lunch, go out with colleagues or picnic on the grass. Try to schedule meetings outside or at a nearby park if possible.

3 Brighten someone's day

Bake cookies for your fellow sunshine-deprived colleagues. It will be the perfect pick-me-up for long afternoons and may even start a trend of sharing homemade goodies around the office for the summer. You can also make someone smile overseas by sponsoring a child with an organization like Christian Children's Fund of Canada (ccfcanada.ca), you can help change the life of a child living in extreme poverty.

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Andy Murray serves against Marin Cilic of Croatia Tuesday at Wimbledon. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY IMAGES

Great expectations for Britain's Murray

Wimbledon. This may finally be Andy Murray's year after easy win against Cilic, exit of Nadal

The lofty expectations placed on Great British Hope Andy Murray every year at Wimbledon ramped up several notches following Rafael Nadal's surprising exit.

So far, Murray is coping pretty well.

Even when dealing with a rare venture away from Centre Court, the fourth-seeded Murray easily dispatched Marin Cilic between rain showers in the round of 16 on Tuesday, showing no sign of the increased pressure he has been under since Nadal opened up the bottom half of the draw by losing to the unheralded Lukas Rosol in the second round on Thursday.

Murray was given a standing ovation by a jubilant Court One crowd after his 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 victory over Cilic, who won the grass-court Queen's Club title in the run-up to Wimbledon.

Murray is now just two wins away from becoming the first British man to reach the final at the All England Club since Bunny Austin in 1938. Next up is a quarter-final match against seventh-seeded David Ferrer, who reached Wimbledon's last eight for the first time with a victory over 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro.

Given the domestic hype surrounding Murray, it promises to be the standout match of the four all-European quarter-finals Wednesday.

Also on Tuesday, Florian Mayer of Germany beat Richard Gasquet to set up a match against top-seeded Novak Djokovic.

Germany will have two players in the quarter-finals after Philipp Kohlschreiber beat Brian Baker, ending the American's remarkable run at his first Wimbledon. Kohlschreiber will play fifth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France, while the other quarter-final will be No. 3-ranked Roger Federer against Mikhail Youzhny — who both had time to complete their wins Monday before rain stopped play in the other five fourth-round matches.

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Women's results

- Serena Williams ousted defending champion Petra Kvitova to reach the Wimbledon semi-finals. She will face second-ranked Victoria Azarenka.
- Agnieszka Radwanska will face Angelique Kerber in the other semi.

Tour de France

Sagan wins third stage, Cancellara still holds lead

Pumping his arms in victory, Peter Sagan of Slovakia won the crash-marred third stage of the Tour de France on Tuesday as the race returned home.

Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland remained the overall leader for a fourth straight day. The cyclists, who opened in Belgium, completed a 197-kilometre ride from Orchies that featured five small climbs to an uphill finish in the fishing port of Boulogne-sur-Mer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peter Sagan GETTY IMAGES

Boxing

Pacquiao loss deemed legal

Nevada's state attorney general found nothing illegal or criminal in Manny Pacquiao's controversial split-decision loss to Timothy Bradley in a welterweight title fight last month in Las Vegas, according to a letter made public Tuesday.

Interviews with the referee of the June 9 fight, two Nevada Gaming Control Board officials and state Athletic Commission director Keith Kizer turned up no evidence of wrongdoing, state Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto said in the letter to Top Rank chief executive Bob Arum.

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NHL. Jagr signs $4.55M deal with Dallas Stars

Jaromir Jagr could be the next big thing in Texas.

The unpredictable winger landed in an unexpected destination, signing a $4.55-million US, one-year deal with the Dallas Stars on Tuesday. Even at age 40, Jagr arrives with big expectations after putting together a 54-point season in Philadelphia following a three-year hiatus in Russia.

"Jaromir Jagr is, without a doubt, one of the best players in the history of this league, and he demonstrated last season that he remains incredibly skilled, productive and valuable," Stars general manager Joe Nieuwendyk said in a release. "We see him fitting into our top two lines and contributing heavily to our offensive attack."

Jaromir Jagr GETTY IMAGES

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NBA

Deron Williams goes to Brooklyn

Deron Williams is staying with the Nets.

The all-star point guard said on his Twitter page Tuesday that he "made a very tough decision today" and posted a picture of the new team logo that accompanies the Nets' move from New Jersey to Brooklyn.

A person with knowledge of the decision said Williams told the team he's accepting their five-year contract worth $98 million.

Williams chose to stay with the Nets over signing with his hometown team, the Dallas Mavericks.

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NHL. Devils re-sign Salvador for three years

Defenceman Bryce Salvador, a key cog in New Jersey's run to the Stanley Cup finals, re-signed with the Devils on Tuesday. Salvador, 36, received a three-year deal, worth $9.5 million US.

Teamed up with Marek Zidlicky, a midseason acquisition from Minnesota, Salvador found his groove in the playoffs, as the Devils defeated the Panthers, Flyers and Rangers en route to their first Eastern Conference title since 2003. He finished second in post-season scoring among defencemen.

New Jersey, a No. 6 seed that went 14-10 in a surprising post-season run, has brought back Martin Brodeur and Johan Hedberg in net. They also locked up the entire fourth line — a makeshift group that found spring success and featured Ryan Carter, Steve Bernier and Stephen Gionta — as well as defenceman Peter Harrold, who was in and out of the lineup during the four playoff series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

14

Bryce Salvador had four goals and 14 points in the post-season after a regular season in which he failed to find the net once.

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"I'm gonna be a kid in a candy store carrying four other kids in a candy store."

Atlanta's Chipper Jones, who said he immediately thought about his children when he was told by Braves general manager Frank Wren on Tuesday that he would replace Dodgers outfielder Matt Kemp on the NL all-star roster. Jones had been a candidate to be voted onto the team by fans in baseball's Final Vote campaign. Instead, Jones, 40, is replacing Kemp, who is on the disabled list with a hamstring injury but plans to participate in the all-star home run derby.

NBA

Raptors make move to sign Fields

The Toronto Raptors reached a verbal agreement on an offer sheet with restricted free agent guard Landry Fields on Tuesday. Fields averaged 8.8 points and 4.2 rebounds a game last year with the New York Knicks. The Raptors can't make the offer sheet official until July 11.

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Mobile news

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell shot down appeals from four players suspended in connection with the league's bounty investigation of the New Orleans Saints on Tuesday. Scan the code for the story.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	48	32	.600	—
Baltimore	42	37	.532	5½
Tampa Bay	43	38	.531	5½
Boston	42	38	.525	6
Toronto	41	40	.506	7½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	43	37	.538	—
Cleveland	41	39	.513	2
Detroit	39	41	.488	4
Kansas City	36	43	.456	6½
Minnesota	34	45	.430	8½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	50	31	.617	—
Los Angeles	45	36	.556	5
Oakland	39	42	.481	11
Seattle	35	47	.427	15½

Tuesday's results
Cleveland 9, L.A. Angels 5
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto 6, Kansas City 3
Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Yankees 4
Chicago White Sox 19, Texas 2
Boston at Oakland
Baltimore at Seattle

Monday's results
L.A. Angels 3, Cleveland 0
Minnesota 6, Detroit 4
Kansas City 11, Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Oakland 6, Boston 1
Seattle 6, Baltimore 3

Wednesday's games
N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 1-3) at Tampa Bay (Price 11-4), 3:10 p.m.
Boston (F.Morales 1-1) at Oakland (Griffin 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 4-8) at Cleveland (D.Lowe 7-6), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Tillman 0-0) at Seattle (Noesi 2-10), 4:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Duensing 1-4) at Detroit (Verlander 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Mendoza 3-4) at Toronto (Villanueva 2-0), 7:07 p.m.
Texas (Feldman 2-6) at Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 0-1), 7:10 p.m.

Thursday's games
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Texas at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

CALENDAR

July 10 - All-Star game, Kansas City, Mo.
July 13 - Deadline for amateur draft picks to sign.
July 22 - Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 31 - Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Aug 15-16 - Owners' meetings, Denver.
Sept. 1 - Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Oct. 5 - Postseason begins, wild-card playoffs.
Oct. 7 - Division series begin.
Oct. 13 - League championship series begin.
Oct. 24 - World Series begins.
November TBA - Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.
November TBA - Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	46	32	.590	—
New York	44	37	.543	3½
Atlanta	42	38	.525	5
Miami	38	42	.475	9
Philadelphia	36	46	.439	12

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	44	35	.557	—
Pittsburgh	44	36	.550	½
St. Louis	42	39	.519	3
Milwaukee	38	42	.475	6½
Houston	32	49	.395	13
Chicago	30	50	.375	14½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	45	36	.556	—
Los Angeles	44	37	.543	1
Arizona	39	40	.494	5
Colorado	31	49	.388	13½
San Diego	31	50	.383	14

Tuesday's results
Milwaukee 13, Miami 12, 10 innings
Washington 9, San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 8, Houston 7
Atlanta 10, Chicago Cubs 3
N.Y. Mets 11, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 3, St. Louis 2
San Diego at Arizona
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers

Monday's games
Pittsburgh 11, Houston 2
Chicago Cubs 4, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 6, Miami 5
St. Louis 9, Colorado 3
San Diego 6, Arizona 2
Cincinnati 8, L.A. Dodgers 2

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
San Francisco (Bumgarner 10-4) at Washington (E.Jackson 4-4), 11:05 a.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-5) at N.Y. Mets (C.Young 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Correia 4-6), 1:35 p.m.
Miami (Jo.Johnson 5-5) at Milwaukee (Wolf 2-6), 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Maholm 5-6) at Atlanta (Delgado 4-8), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Guthrie 3-7) at St. Louis (Wainwright 6-8), 7:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 3-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Harang 5-5), 9:10 p.m.
San Diego (Marquis 1-4) at Arizona (I.Kennedy 6-7), 9:40 p.m.

Thursday's games
Miami at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

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NASCAR SPRINT CUP

Through June 30
1. Matt Kenseth, 633 points; 2. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 622; 3. Jimmie Johnson, 610; 4. Greg Biffle, 608; 5. (tie), Denny Hamlin and Kevin Harvick, 565; 7. Clint Bowyer, 557; 8. Martin Truex Jr., 556; 9. Tony Stewart, 545; 10. Brad Keselowski, 537.

BLUE JAYS 6, ROYALS 3

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
AGordn lf	3	0	0	1	Lawrie 3b	4	1	2	0
AEscor ss	4	0	0	0	Rasms cf	3	1	1	0
Hosmer 1b	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	0	1	0
Butler dh	3	0	0	0	Encrnc 1b	3	1	2	1
YBtncr 2b	4	0	1	0	KJhnsn 2b	4	0	1	0
Mostks 3b	4	0	1	0	YEscor ss	4	1	1	0
Francr rf	3	1	1	0	RDavis lf	4	1	2	2
S.Perez c	3	1	1	0	Lind dh	4	1	2	3
Bourgs cf	2	1	1	2	Mathis c	4	0	1	0
Dyson cf	1	0	1	0					
Totals	**31**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**		**34**	**6**	**13**	**6**

Kansas City	003	000	000	3
Toronto	000	600	00x	6

DP—Kansas City 2, Toronto 1. LOB—Kansas City 3, Toronto 6. 2B—Moustakas (19), Dyson (4). 3B—Bourgeois (1). HR—Lind (6). SB—Dyson (14). CS—R.Davis (6). SF—A.Gordon.

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Kansas City						
Mazzaro L,3-3	5 1-3	13	6	6	0	3
G.Holland	1 2-3	0	0	0	2	2
Mijares	1	0	0	0	0	1
Toronto						
Cecil W,2-1	6	5	3	3	1	3
Frasor H,10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver H,8	1	1	0	0	0	2
Janssen S,10-11	1	0	0	0	0	1

Cecil pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
WP—Mazzaro.
Umpires—Home, Angel Hernandez; First, Chris Conroy; Second, Ed Hickox; Third, Mark Carlson.
T—2:30. A—15,516 (49,260).

CYCLING

TOUR DE FRANCE

At Boulogne-Sur-Mer, France
Results Tuesday from the Tour de France third stage, a 197-kilometre (123-mile) medium-mountain ride through the Monts du Boulonnais from Orchies, France to Boulogne-sur-Mer, with five climbs
1. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Liquigas-Cannondale, 4 hours, 42 minutes, 58 seconds; 2. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Sky Procycling, 1 second behind; 3. Peter Velits, Slovakia, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, same time; 4. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, RadioShack-Nissan, same time; 5. Michael Albasini, Switzerland, Orica GreenEdge, same time. 6. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, same time; 7. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time; 8. Samuel Sanchez, Spain, Euskaltel-Euskadi, same time; 9. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Rabobank, same time; 10. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, same time.
11. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, B.C., Garmin-Sharp-Barracuda, same time; 12. Wouter Poels, Netherlands, Vacansoleil-DCM, same time; 13. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, RadioShack-Nissan, same time; 14. Robert Kiserlovski, Croatia, Astana, same time; 15. Jelle Vanendert, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, same time; 16. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, same time; 17. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, same time; 18. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, same time; 19. Maxime Monfort, Belgium, RadioShack-Nissan, same time; 20. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, RadioShack-Nissan, same time.
Also
25. Jurgen Van Den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, same time;35. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, same time; 41. Sylvain Chavanel, France, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, same time; 53. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, same time; 59. George Hincapie, United States, BMC Racing, same time.
Overall Standings
1. Fabian Cancellara, Switzerland, RadioShack-Nissan, 14 hours, 45 minutes, 30 seconds; 2. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Sky Procycling, 7 seconds behind; 3. Sylvain Chavanel, France, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, same time; 4. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, :10; 5. Edvald Boasoon Hagen, Norway, Sky Procycling, :11; 6. Denis Menchov, Russia, Katusha, :13; 7. Cadel Evans, Australia, BMC Racing, :17; 8. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Liquigas-Cannondale, :18; **9. Ryder Hesjedal, Victoria, B.C.,** Garmin-Sharp-Barracuda, same time; 10. Andreas Kloeden, Germany, RadioShack-Nissan, :19.
11. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Rabobank, :21; 12. Maxime Monfort, Belgium, RadioShack-Nissan, :22; 13. Janez Brajkovic, Slovenia, Astana, same time; 14. Rein Taaramae, Estonia, Cofidis, same time; 15. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Liquigas-Cannondale, :23; 16. Jean-Christophe Peraud, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time; 17. Marco Marcato, Italy, Vacansoleil-DCM, same time; 18. Haimar Zubeldia, Spain, RadioShack-Nissan, :24; 19. Wouter Poels, Netherlands, Vacansoleil-DCM, same time; 20. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
Also
22. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Rabobank, :26; 23. Jurgen Van den Broeck, Belgium, Lotto Belisol, :28; 30. Frank Schleck, Luxembourg, RadioShack-Nissan, :38; 37. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Omega Pharma-QuickStep, :45; 57. George Hincapie, United States, BMC Racing, 2:27.

GOLF

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EUROPEAN TOUR

FRENCH OPEN
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Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon).
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TENNIS

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Men
Fourth Round
David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Marin Cilic (16), Croatia, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3.
Florian Mayer (31), Germany, def. Richard Gasquet (18), France, 6-3, 6-1, 3-6, 6-2.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (27), Germany, def. Brian Baker, United States, 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, def. Mardy Fish (10), United States, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-4.
Women
Quarter-finals
Serena Williams (6), United States, def. Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.
Angelique Kerber (8), Germany, def. Sabine Lisicki (15), Germany, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 7-5.
Victoria Azarenka (2), Belarus, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Agnieszka Radwanska (3), Poland, def. Maria Kirilenko (17), Russia, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5.
Doubles
Men
Second Round
Mikhail Elgin, Russia, and Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Mahesh Bhupathi and Rohan Bopanna (7), India, 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Third Round
Jonathan Marray, Britain, and Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, def. Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Jean-Julien Rojer (8), Netherlands, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (4), 6-7 (4), 5-7, 7-5.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (15), Brazil, lead Leander Paes, India, and Radek Stepanek (4), Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (30-30), susp., rain.
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (5), Romania, lead Steve Darcis and Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-4, susp., rain.
Scott Lipsky and Rajeev Ram, United States, lead Chris Guccione and Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, 6-4, 2-2, susp., rain.
Bob and Mike Bryan (2), United States, lead Arnaud Clement and Michael Llodra, France, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 2-2, susp., rain.
Women
Third Round
Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (9), Spain, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, and Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (5), Russia, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Tamarine Tanasugarn, Thailand, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (6), Czech Republic, def. Natalie Grandin, South Africa, and Vladimira Uhlirova (11), Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-3, 6-3.
Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (10), United States, def. Yaroslava Shvedova and Galina Voskoboeva (7), Kazakhstan, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.
Mixed
Second Round
Julian Knowle and Tamira Paszek, Austria, def. James Cerretani, United States, and Petra Martic, Croatia, walkover.
Bruno Soares, Brazil, and Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, lead Alexander Peya, Austria, and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (16), Germany, 4-6, 7-5, 1-0, susp., rain.
Colin Fleming, Britain, and Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, lead Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Andrea Hlavackova (7), Czech Republic, 4-3 (15-15), susp., rain.

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	1	0	1	0	16	33	0
Hamilton	1	0	1	0	16	43	0
Toronto	1	0	1	0	15	19	0
Montreal	1	0	1	0	10	38	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Saskatchewan	1	1	0	0	43	16	2
Calgary	1	1	0	0	38	10	2
B.C.	1	1	0	0	33	16	2
Edmonton	1	1	0	0	19	15	2

WEEK TWO
All Times Eastern
Friday's games
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Hamilton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Saturday, July 7
Calgary at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Sunday, July 8
Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 7 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
D.C. United	18	10	5	3	34	22	33
New York	17	9	4	4	32	25	31
Kansas City	16	9	5	2	20	16	29
Chicago	17	8	5	4	21	19	28
Houston	17	6	5	6	22	24	24
Columbus	15	6	5	4	16	15	22
New England	16	5	7	4	22	22	19
Montreal	18	5	10	3	24	32	18
Philadelphia	14	3	9	2	13	17	11
Toronto	15	2	10	3	17	29	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	17	11	3	3	35	22	36
Real Salt Lake	18	10	6	2	28	21	32
Vancouver	16	7	4	5	18	19	26
Seattle	17	7	5	5	21	18	26
Colorado	16	7	8	1	24	21	22
Los Angeles	17	6	9	2	25	27	20
Chivas USA	16	5	7	4	11	18	19
Portland	15	4	7	4	14	20	16
Dallas	17	3	9	5	16	26	14

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Tuesday's results
Houston 0 Chicago 0
San Jose at Portland
Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Kansas City at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 7
Houston at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 11 p.m.
Sunday, July 8
Los Angeles at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
New York at New England, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

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Active Understeer

On the road, the Altima uses Active Understeer Control. During turning, light braking is applied to the inside wheel to counteract the natural tendency for the car to continue in straight line.

Also assisting is Nissan's Easy Fill Tire Alert that was initially installed in the Quest minivan.

Interior

The interior offers about the same passenger and trunk volume as before, but a concerted effort was undertaken to replace or recover hard-plastic surfaces with soft-touch materials. Another area of focus was noise reduction, achieved by adding more sound-absorbing materials around the car.

2013 Nissan Altima

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (182); 3.5-litre DOHC V6 (270).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.4/5.0 (2.5).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $25,300.

Engine

The base 2.5-litre four-cylinder's output has notched up to 182 horsepower from the previous 175 due to a new valve train. An all-new continuously variable transmission offers fewer moving parts (reducing friction) and electronic-control improvements so that it more closely mimics a traditional multi-speed automatic.

Nissan has reduced the Altima's overall weight by about 33 kilograms.

Review. The Altima reset the bar for the family car back in 2002. Look what a decade has done

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

First impressions are often lasting ones, and for new-car buyers they can also make the difference between closing the deal right then and there or searching elsewhere.

Where the 2013 Nissan Altima is concerned, most shoppers' reactions will be, "Whoa!"

The outgoing Altima that has been around since the 2007 model year was certainly no mutt, but the new car really shows that its best-before date has come and gone. The mid-size sedan presents a graceful face, with a grille and headlight pods that almost appear to melt into the stylish fenders. The windshield pillars have a bit more rake to them to help reduce aerodynamic drag.

At the opposite end, the knife-edge-style tail lights neatly encircle the fenders and the trunk lid's spoiler is integrated as part of the sheet metal. Viewed in profile, the Altima doesn't appear significantly changed, but the fancier chrome door handles and similarly coated trim pieces throughout attest to the car's more glamorous presence.

The base 2.5 model's pricing begins at $25,300 (including delivery to the dealer) and includes all the usual bells and whistles. From that point, S, SV and SL models pile on the content, but can add more than $9,000 to the base price with luxuries such as heated front seats leather interior, heated steering wheel and a power moonroof.

The Altima's impressively restyled sheet metal and interior appointments, matched with seriously improved fuel economy, serve notice that this Nissan has what it takes get your attention.

"Whoa," indeed.

If you recall, Nissan/Infiniti began offering "self-healing" exterior paint. More unusual technology follows as the company has "zero gravity" front seats for the Altima that reduce pressure on the spine and improve blood flow. Of course, NASA was the influence.

Remember when taillights were on the back of a car and the headlights were on the front? With the right curves and thoughtful integration of chrome, the Altima can finally be called a pretty car.

By comparison

1 Toyota Camry
Base price: $25,200

2 Volkswagen Passat
Base price: $25,500

3 Ford Fusion
Base price: $22,500 (est.)

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Two-bucket solution

Grit Guard is introducing its colour-coded Dual-Bucket Washing System to its cleaning products lineup. The black bucket contains only clean wash solution, so after dunking your wash mitt and washing for a bit, you then rinse the mitt in the red bucket. Dunk the mitt back into the black bucket for more washing solution, etc. Both buckets feature Grit Guard's removable inserts that keep the washed-off crud at the bottom of the bucket, reducing the possibility of paint scratches or swirl marks. The buckets sit in their own dollies with casters and have individual lids. A seat cushion included with the kit converts one bucket into a handy stool. The Dual-Bucket System sells for $130 US and is offered directly from gritguard.com.

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Volvo's new airbag designed for pedestrians

Driving Force. All cars focus on protecting the driver and passengers, but this feature takes safety to another level

JIL MCINTOSH
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In any collision between a vehicle and a pedestrian, the pedestrian always loses. While that will never change, Volvo is counting on its new pedestrian airbag to help reduce the severity of injuries when cars and people collide.

While other airbags are inside the vehicle, this new airbag is under the hood. When sensors in the front bumper detect that someone has been struck, the airbag deploys, lifting the rear of the hood slightly, and covering the area around the windshield wipers and pillars.

Raising the hood lifts it away from the engine, important because many pedestrians are injured when the hood buckles and they're slammed against the hard engine components below. The wiper and pillar areas are also hard and more likely to cause serious injury.

"When the car is travelling between 20 and 50 km/h and it senses that it's impacting a pedestrian's leg, a number of things are actuated," says Thomas Broberg, senior technical advisor for safety at Volvo Cars.

"One of the joints at the rear end of the hood is released pyrotechnically, and then the airbag lifts the hood at the same time it's deploying over the wiper area. Then spring-loaded joints kick in to keep the hood in position. There are a lot of things that happen at the same time, and it's in milliseconds."

It was a challenge to develop the airbag, since temperatures in the engine compartment fluctuate considerably, and it must be protected from moisture.

"The sensors along the bumper recognize the impact of a human-like mass and form, compared to other objects that you might hit, like a grocery store cart," Broberg says.

"It doesn't go off if the car isn't moving, so if people are coming home from the pub and they start kicking cars, they can kick as long as they want, and it won't go off. And it won't go off if you're working under the hood, unless you're trying to repair your car when it's travelling at 50 km/h."

Some Volvo vehicles automatically brake when they sense a pedestrian walking out in front.

Broberg says that at lower speeds, the collision might be avoided entirely.

If the car is travelling above the airbag's 50 km/h threshold, the auto-braking might not be able to stop the car in time, but could potentially bring the speed down to the point that the airbag would deploy and help to reduce human injury.

Airbag facts

- The pedestrian airbag is currently available on the all-new V40, a model that won't be sold in Canada, but will be rolled out to other Volvo vehicles in future.
- Volvo says that 75 per cent of all collisions involving pedestrians are at speeds below 40 km/h.
- Some 12 per cent of U.S. traffic fatalities are pedestrians; in Europe it's 14 per cent; and in China, it's 25 per cent.

Across

1 Lovers' quarrel
5 Badly illuminated
8 Georgetown athlete
12 Head light?
13 Addressee
14 Idolaters' poetry
15 Pachyderm
17 Staff member?
18 Cacophony
19 Spain and Portugal
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25 Breathing organ
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32 Carnival city
33 Lift
35 Cookware
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38 Yarn-fineness measure
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49 Placekicking prop
50 Recess
51 Give temporarily
52 Still
53 Eyelid problem

Down

1 That girl
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3 Pub order
4 Big kahuna
5 Actress Cannon
6 Charged bit
7 Rebellious sailor
8 Truthful
9 Stench
10 Bigfoot's cousin
11 On the briny
16 Possessive pronoun
20 Tampa Bay team, for short
21 Hint
22 Pitch
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24 Dairy-case wares
26 Whole
27 Tehran's land
28 Sty cry
29 Inquisitive
31 Hardy cabbage
34 Concealed in mystery
35 Irreligious people
37 Glutton
38 "Don't touch that —!"
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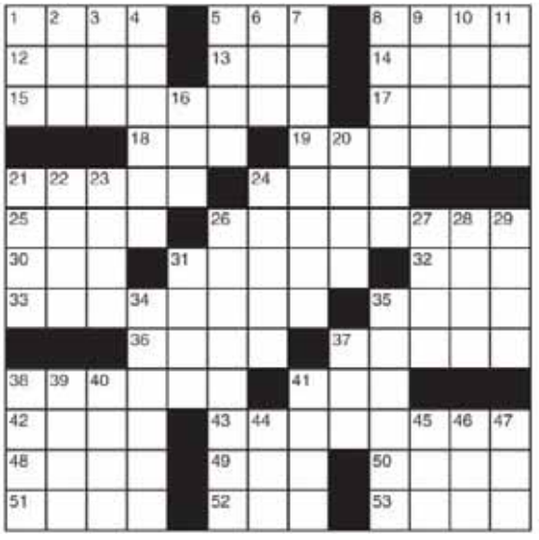

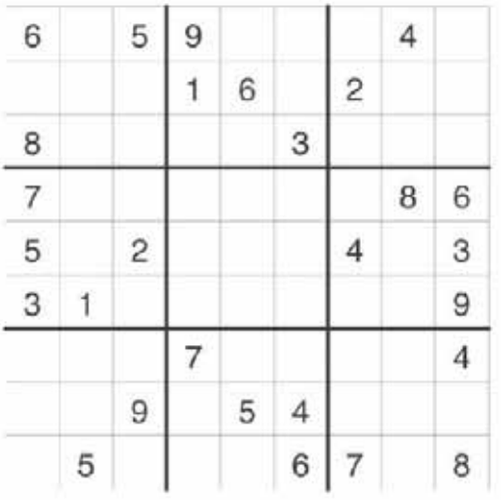

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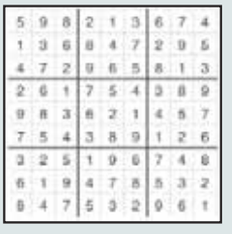

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

H A D E Z M W V R Q W V P P H S N

L M L V W R H S M F W M Y D

A W V S Y D , R E C V L V E L K V C H N Q U

F K M H C D E Z ' W V E S M U V M W .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN VICE PRESIDENT AARON BECAME HUNGRY, YOU MIGHT SUPPOSE HIS FAVORITE FOOD WAS A BURR-ITO.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals R

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. You know what needs to be done and you know you have what it takes to make a good job of it — so what are you waiting for? Act now!

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be having second thoughts about a project you are involved with, but planets warn it'd be wrong to make changes at this stage.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. What people say and what they mean will be two different things today. Assume that nothing you hear can be taken for granted.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may find yourself at a loss to explain why certain things are happening but your senses tell you they are, so all you can really do is decide how to react. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Mercury in your sign will help you outsmart those who think you can be easily manipulated. They're wrong.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Chances are you will mislead yourself about something today — the kind of thing that 99 times out of 100 would not fool you at all.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You know your way of looking at the world is best but you won't be able to convince loves ones and work colleagues of that today. They have as much right to be wrong as you.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You will hear something you do not agree with today but don't make an issue of it. Others can rant and rave, and make fools of themselves if they so wish, but you know it is better to be self-controlled.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Today's cosmic activity will encourage you to focus on down-to-earth matters such as how to pay the bills and make ends meet.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Do whatever it takes to avoid feelings of doom today. If you get stuck in a bad mood now, you may not be able to snap out of it until the weekend at the earliest.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Don't try to second guess partners and loved ones today because there is a danger you will get it wrong.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You may think you know what's going on at work, but do you? Mercury's link to Pluto warns you may have logic twisted, so try to stand back from the situation and see the wider picture. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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